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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION
UP 12 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . Texas milk production totaled 635 million pounds during April, up 12 percent from last year's production of 568 million pounds. March 2006 production totaled 656 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during April averaged 328,000 head, up 9,000 head from last year and unchanged from the March 2006 number. Production per cow averaged 1,935 pounds during April, 155 pounds more than last year but 65 pounds less than March 2006.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from production in these same states in April 2005. March revised production, at 14.6 billion pounds, was up 5.6 percent from March 2005.

Production per cow during April averaged 1,727 pounds, 37 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.24 million head, 124,000 head more than last year and 13,000 head more than March 2006.